



ST. CHARLES  
SINCE 1834

## AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title: Request for Four Mixed Martial Arts Events at the Arcada Theater

Presenter: Chief Lamkin

*Please check appropriate box:*

X	Government Operations (1/3/11)		Government Services
	Planning & Development		City Council
	Public Hearing		

Estimated Cost:	None to the City	Budgeted:	YES		NO	X
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If NO, please explain how item will be funded:

All costs related to the event for Police and Fire services are to be paid by the event sponsor.

### Executive Summary:

Please see attached memo

### Attachments: (please list)

### Recommendation / Suggested Action (briefly explain):

The Government Operations Committee is requested to review the application and provide direction to staff and the applicant.

*For office use only:*

*Agenda Item Number: #5*

# Memo

**Date:** December 21, 2010

**To:** Members of the Government Operations Committee

**From:** Chief Lamkin

**CC:**

**Re:** Request for Approval of Four Mixed Martial Arts Events at the Arcada Theater

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The MMA Sport Federation is requesting to hold four MMA events at the Arcada in 2011. The dates for the events would be February 26, March 19, April 16 and May 7, all Saturdays. The actual cage for the fights would be located on the stage, with primary seating on the first floor. There would be limited (20) VIP seats on the stage, and the remainder would be on the balcony. The maximum capacity of the facility is 900.

MMA Sport Federation held an event at Real Time Sports in November of 2010. In that event there were 450 attendees, with no noted problems. The City Council approved that event, with the audience limited to those 21 and over, all to be carded, and to wear wristbands. While this event yielded no problems, there is potential for a much larger attendance at the proposed events. The past event is not an automatic indication of the same success to follow.

The Special Events Committee has met with the sponsor with these items to be decided by City Council as requested by the event sponsor:

1. Approve an MMA Event on February 26, 2011, overall time 6 PM to midnight, with actual fight times from 7 PM to 11:30 PM.
2. Approve an MMA Event on March 19, 2011, overall time 6 PM to midnight, with actual fight times from 7 PM to 11:30 PM.
3. Approve an MMA Event on April 16, 2011, overall time 6 PM to midnight, with actual fight times from 7 PM to 11:30 PM.
4. Approve an MMA Event on May 7, 2011, overall time 6 PM to midnight, with actual fight times from 7 PM to 11:30PM.

**For each date:** Two extra duty St. Charles Police Officers would be hired for 4.5 hours of overtime each, for each event for a total cost of \$511.92, to be paid to the city at least three weeks in advance of the event. These would be in addition to private security by the sponsor.

**For each date:** St. Charles Fire Department paramedics would be used for five hours for each event, for a total cost of \$463.30 to be paid to the city at least three weeks in advance of the event.

**For each date:** The Arcada holds a D-5 liquor license. As defined by municipal code, "D-5 licenses shall authorize the retail sale of alcoholic liquors for consumption on the premises only, of the theater premises located at 105 East Main St. The sale of alcoholic liquors shall be from one (1) permanent location in the vestibule, one (1) service bar in the balcony, and up to two (2) other service bars as dictated by the event, provided however, that unless employed by the licensee, no person under the age of twenty one (21) years shall be present on the premises during the exhibition of motion pictures for commercial profit while alcoholic liquor is being served, unless accompanied by such person's parent or legal guardian."

Ron Onesti has requested the event be open to all ages. The event sponsor, MMA Sport Federation, has requested the event be open to age 18 and over. If 18 and older is approved, age 18 would be the minimum age allowed for entry, with those 21 and older wearing a colored wristband, and those 18-21 wearing a different colored wristband. All patrons under 21 would be required to be with a parent or legal guardian per liquor code. The Arcada, being the liquor license holder would bear the primary responsibility for proper wristband id checks. The previous event sponsored by MMA Sport Federation held at Real Time was granted permission by city council with a requirement that all attending the event be a minimum of 21 years of age and had to have identification verified with a wristband worn.

The Fire Department requests that the balcony be used last for any overflow of patrons primarily due to limitations on exits. The first floor would take primary seating.

Recommendation:

The event sponsor making the request has met the Special Events application process. The Committee will need to decide on each of the above events based on information presented.

JEL/ljm